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# HOMEMAKERS' CHAT

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SUBJECT: Time to Get Ready.....Information from the gardening specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture.

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Instead of "One for the money, two for the show, three to get ready and four to go" Victory gardeners could well say, "One for the garden plot, two for the hoe, three to get ready and four to grow." And the gardening specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture tell us we should be at the "get-ready" stage now.

You think it's a little early? Well....remember that deliveries are bound to be slower than usual. That's why we ought to begin now collecting the things we'll need even though there are enough garden supplies to meet our needs this year.

As for seed, good weather last year brought forth bumper crops. There are plenty of 'em. But unless your dealer hears from you soon, he's liable to be slow in filling your order. He may get caught in a planting-time rush.

You should have no trouble getting the fertilizer you need. The supply of it is about the same as it was last year.

If you didn't start your compost pile last year, the experts suggest that you look around for places where blown leaves piled up in the fall. You ought to find some rotted leaves there you can use.

Insecticides are being made in about the same amounts as last year. But if any of your friends waited until they needed it before they tried to find their rotenone last year, you know they didn't have much luck. So you'd better get what you need immediately. It may be now or never. While you probably won't be able to find any pyrethrum (pī rē' thrum), the contact poison, you can use rotenone in its place.

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